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4WD

THOMPSON CREEK ROAD #305 & #306

Length: 12.1 miles #305 one-way (19.5 km),
6.3 miles #306 one way (10.2 km)

Trail Use: Moderate

Beginning Elevation: 7,808 feet (2380 m)

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Ending Elevation: 8,440 feet (2572 m)

USGS Map(s): Carbondale, Stoney Ridge, Placita

ATTRACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS: This road is an access point for the following trails: South Thompson, Lake Ridge Lakes, Mid Thompson, South Thompson, Braderich (off of South Thompson) and Dexter Park. This area is primarily used by bicyclists, horseback riders and hunters. The road passes through aspen groves and crosses many small streams. It travels through BLM, National Forest and private land. Please respect the rights of private property owners by staying on the roads.

ACCESS: From Carbondale take road #108 past the stoplight heading west about a mile then over a bridge crossing the Roaring Fork River. Follow road #108 for 7.5 miles and turn left onto road #305. After about 4 miles there is a fork in the road. To the right is road #306, and the road #305 is to the left and continues south for approximately another 5 miles.

NARRATIVE: This road is impassable when wet, so do not drive it if it looks like it might rain or has rained recently. This road is accessible to 2WD vehicles until the stream crossing at Middle Thompson Creek. Here you need a high clearance 4WD vehicle for the crossing and the roads beyond. Road #306 will offer access to Mid Thompson, the South Branch of Mid Thompson, Dexter Park and Lake Ridge Lake trails. Road #305 lends access to South Thompson trail after the Parsnip Flat area. South Thompson trail will turn into the Braderich Creek trail leading south towards the town of Redstone.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Motorized vehicles are not allowed within adjacent Wilderness Areas. Before you go out, check into available routes, their conditions, ownership of land, posted areas, regulations that apply and the following rules:

- * Be sure your machine is as quiet as possible.
- * Avoid wetlands, streams, and steep hills where your tracks may cause damage.
- * **Sanitation** - Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.
- * Avoid running over young trees, shrubs and grasses--**Stay on established routes!**
- * Ford streams at designated sites only.

PACK IT IN—PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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